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TO : SAC (44-2386) DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : FRANK V. HITT, SAC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following is information the SAC furnished Memphis, Mr. ROSEN and Mr. DE LOACH in a telephone conference at 4:00 P.M. this date and it also contains instructions given:

MR. HITT: Somebody dig out for me what we will need for probable cause. We have very little of the facts in this case and they will have to call that back to us before we can get the search warrant for the car. I don't want anyone to touch it till we get there. Send us some artist's photos on the next plane. We have the car. He left it on a parking lot Friday at the intersection of Memorial Drive and Connally Place in the City of Atlanta. Now, the police found it, actually a woman out here whom they don't know, told her preacher, who reported it to the police department here in Atlanta. I presume it was today, we're checking it out now. They ran an NCIC on it and also a check of the Ala. MVB and the NCIC check showed that this was wanted in connection with a Civil Rights and Election Law case. It shows GALT (ph) as the owner and it shows that caution should be used, that there is no warrant, and if not in local custody to keep under observation and call the FBI, collect at 202-393-7100, Ext. 2521. The police department has put facts together and assume it is in connection with that case. I have the ASAC and the fingerprint expert on the way out there, the police now have the car under observation. We're getting facts for Memphis in order to get search warrant and I have men on the way now to do a full neighborhood on it.

It was left and locked on a lot. We're on the way now to find that out. It was left and locked on the lot and I don't know what kind of lot it is. It is in a lot, but I'll know that when our people get there. I have the ASAC and two men on the way and we'll know the answer as soon as they get there.

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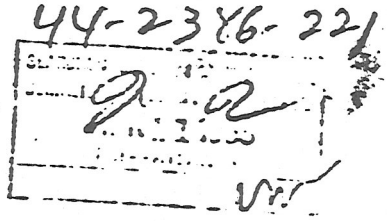

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CARL CLAIBORNE, who was at the Bureau, is a very good man on it. I don't want to touch it without it. We shoudn't touch it without it. If the car is on a lot and locked, I have some question as to whether it is abandoned. This is a parking lot in a low-cost housing development, so in effect, it was parked in this lot, in the low-cost area. It is a white project. It is out east of Atlanta and a little south. It is Connally Place and Memorial Drive. I don't know the sequence there. BILL ~~XXXX~~ ALEXANDER said he had received a call from the MVB in Ala. who had gotten a teletype or telegram.... you want the FBI to take possession of the car and oonduct a search? It is in a parking lot Mr. ROSEN, in a low X cost white housing project. We'll take ~~XXXXX~~ possession and tow it into our garage. I already got that underway. I'll have them tow it in. We'll put ~~XX~~ it in our garage. I'll be in touch. The men are waiting for me to tell them what to do.

MR. HITT TO RADIO CAR #2

Mr. R and the B said for us to take possession of the car without a search warrant, take color photos if possible and bring it to our garage and conduct complete search down here. We'll get a wrecker to tow it in. Don't let anyone mess up prints on it.

MR. HITT ON CONFERENCE CALL:

It was a woman who saw a man get out of the car and lock it and leave. ~~X~~ We don't know who she is yet. We have someone now ~~S~~ trying to find the preacher and to learn the woman's identity. Everything underway. It is ~~XXXX~~ not a pay parking lot. Off street parking for the development. No attendant.

TO HARDING: Get the color film out to the boys on the street.

TO WDC: You will send as the picture immeidately? If we get any press inquiries at all onthing, it is just "no comment?" That is all I have here.

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You want us to MK make airlines checks from AT to LA on the four names we have, LOWYER, WILLARD, JEROME VERNON and J. VERNON, and GALT? Alright, I'll get that started.

Plyers....Duckbill Plyers from Rummage Hardware five blocks from laundry where VERNON worked in LA and he dropped out of sight on March 27.

They tell me the Bureau just issued an [redacted] XE APB on car to XX look out for it. It is coming in here now. BOB, you will send us the facts on the case?

NOTE: CALL GRAPP in LA to have him check arrivals on Friday. Check all cab pickups from that XE area. We have got to find woman, talk to minister, do a complete neighborhood. It is a low-class white neighborhood. I'll check any rooming - houses. We have Klansmen all around the place, so there X could be, yes.

NOTE: Leave Memphis 6:10 and 6:15 P.M. night of killing.

TO WDC: Isn't the time though, when the car was abandoned. We'll take it apart. We're bringing the car to the garage now.

NOTE: Check resident manager of the housing project for last year's residents who might have left.

Connally Place, I don't know how far out it is Mb but it is only about 1½ miles from downtown AT. Well, I'll look the neighborhood over and consider that. PURCHASE AUTO?

We'll go ahead and keep in touch with more info.